

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following new Abstract:

-- A method of managing a project including a hierarchy of tasks may include defining and storing tasks. Each of the tasks may include an associated status. A first dependency relationship may be defined between the tasks. Remote retrieval and updating of the status may be enabled. An Issue, a Change Request and/or a Change Order may be remotely defined. The Issue identifies a problem within an identified task whose resolution is to be tracked and is necessary for completion of the identified task, the Change Request identifies step(s) to be taken pending authorization to resolve the Issue and the Change Order identifies authorized step(s) to do so. Remote definition of second dependency relationship(s) may be enabled between the defined Issue, Change Request or Change Order and the identified task to integrate the defined Issue, Change Request or Change Order into the hierarchy without changing the defined first dependencies. --